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SUBJ: DHEW/PHS/SFCP - COLLABORATIVE MEETING TO DEVELOP FURTHER
DEFINITION OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH PRIORITIES UNDER
THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A. OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, DHEW, PROPOSES THAT MCH PRIORITIES BE DEFINED FURTHER DURING A MEETING BETWEEN A GROUP FROM HEW AND APPROPRIATE COUNTERPARTS FROM POLAND. AFTER JOINT RANKING OF PRIORITIES IN ORDER OF MUTUAL INTEREST, COLLABORATIVE WORK PLANS WILL BE DEVELOPED. THESE WORK PLANS MAY IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS WHICH WILL CARRY OUT THE VARIOUS COMPONENTS. U.S. GROUP PROPOSED WOULD BE HEADED BY JOHN J. HUTCHINGS, M.D., CHIEF, MCH INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES AND INCLUDE LLOYD TEPPER, M.D., ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER FOR SCIENCE, FDA; AND PHILIP A. CORFAM, DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR POPULATION RESEARCH, NICHD, NIH.

B. THE FOLLOWING MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CATEGORIES ARE OFFERED BY HEW TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. THEY ARE NOT LISTED IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE.

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1. DELIVERY OF HEALTH SERVICES TO MOTHERS AND CHILDREN INCLUDING

FAMILY PLANNING.

A. IDENTIFICATION AND MONITORING SERVICES TO HIGH-RISK MOTHERS AND CHILDREN.

B. EFFECTS ON OUTCOME OF ALTERNATE HEALTH STANDARDS AND PATTERNS OF PRACTICE WHICH UTILIZE HEALTH WORKERS OF VARIOUS LEVELS OF SKILLS.

C. PROMOTING CHANGES IN HEALTH BEHAVIOR OF MOTHERS AND CHILDREN.

D. INTEGRATION OF FAMILY PLANNING WITH OTHER MCH SERVICES OR WITH AN INDUSTRIAL HEALTH SERVICE SYSTEM.

E. USE OF HEALTH INDICES, ESPECIALLY INFANT MORTALITY AND LOW-BIRTH WEIGHT RATES, IN STRENGTHENING AND CONCENTRATING MCH SERVICES IN AREAS OF NEED.

F. INFORMATION, OUTREACH, AND MOTIVATION REGARDING HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING, FOR THE ADOLESCENT.

G. PROGRAMS AND MECHANISMS USED TO IDENTIFY AND TREAT CHILDREN WITH UNRECOGNIZED HEALTH PROBLEMS.

2. CHRONIC ILLNESS AND HANDICAPPING CONDITIONS OF CHILDHOOD--ESPECIALLY PREVENTION, EARLY DETECTION, AND TREATMENT.

A. INVESTIGATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE DISORDERS OF HUMAN COMMUNICATION.

B. PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF SPECIFIC CHRONIC ILLNESS AND HANDICAPS.

C. DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY TO DELINEATE CHARACTERISTICS OF POPULATION OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WITH RESPECT TO BIOLOGICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS.

D. CONCENTRATION ON PARENTIAL EDUCATION TO PREVENT AND/OR PROMOTE EARLY DETECTION OF HANDICAPS IN RISK INFANTS.

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3. MENTAL RETARDATION.

A. PRINCIPLES OF THERAPY FOR MENTALLY RETARDED CHILDREN IN INSTITUTIONS, FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONALIZATION, AND PRE-VOCATIONAL EVALUATION.

B. PREVENTION OF, AND EARLY INTERVENTION IN, MENTAL RETARDATION.

C. GENETIC COUNSELING SERVICES.

D. CYTOGENETIC AND BIOCHEMICAL CAUSES OF MENTAL RETARDATION.

4. NUTRITION DURING PREGNANCY, LACTATION, AND EARLY CHILDHOOD.

A. STUDIES OF RELATIVE EFFECTIVENESS OF SUPPLEMENTAL FOODS, NUTRITIONAL COUNSELING, AND BOTH COMBINED ON THE NUTRITION OR RISK GROUPS.

B. INFANT FEEDING INCLUDING FORMULA PREPARATION.

C. EFFECTS OF LEAD AND HEAVY METALS IN PREGNANCY AND CHILDHOOD.

D. NUTRITIONAL DEFICIENCIES DURING PREGNANCY.

5. REPRODUCTIVE AND PERINATAL BIOLOGY.

A. INFLUENCE OF CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL FACTORS ON REPRODUCTIVE FUNCTION.

B. RELATIONSHIP OF PLACENTAL FUNCTION TO FETAL DEVELOPMENT.

C. EMBASSY REQUESTED PASS ABOVE TO DR. JANUSZ JELJASZEWICZ.

D. VISIT BY GROUP DESIRED OCTOBER 1-2 AS EXTENSION OTHER PLANNED TRAVEL, BUT APPRECIATE TIMING MAY BE LARGELY DEPENDENT ON HOTEL SITUATION. ADVISE ON FEASIBILITY OF ABOVE DATES OR EARLIEST ALTERNATIVES AND HOTEL POSSIBILITIES.

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E. HUTCHINGS AND OTHERS WOULD INTEND VISIT OTHER PROJECTS FOLLOWING MEETING. RUSH

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